

III. REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 3-5, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Gaastra (US 6,327,469) for reasons set forth in the Office Action. Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 were allowed.

By this response, all of the rejected claims 3-5, 8 and 9 are cancelled. Since the remaining claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 have been allowed, a notice of allowance is requested respectfully.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,



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